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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: S.A. Salamah et al.
Serial No.: 10/064,408

Filed: July 10, 2002

For: Molten Hydride Fuel Cell

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE PER 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i)
FOR DISCLOSED PATENT NOT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Assistant Director of Patents and Trademarks
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement contains a reference, obtained from a European Patent Office Search Report, that is not in the English Language. The reference is German Patent No. DE 37 30 209 A1. This reference describes an electrochemical cell. The cell has solid electrodes made of material, such as nickel, palladium, vanadium, zirconium, niobium, etc., that is chemically inert with hydrogen while allowing fast hydrogen permeation (col. 5, lines 16-20). The cell further contains an electrolyte designed to selectively pass hydrogen ions between electrodes. The electrolyte typically contains up to about 5 weight percent metal hydride, with 1%-2% metal hydride being the preferred range (col. 5, lines 43-62).

For more information on the content of this patent, Applicants have included a copy of U.S. Patent 4,833,046, which is the U.S. member of the same patent family as the disclosed German patent. Applicants believe, to the best of their knowledge, that the U.S. Patent is substantially an English translation of the German patent. Applicants believe that, with the disclosure of the German patent and the inclusion of the U.S. patent and this accompanying statement, they have duly met their duties under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3)(i) and (a)(3)(ii).

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- ☐ 9 The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 15 below.
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